

Section 1 Project Description:

Name of Proposed Project: Recreation Special Use Permits for Illinois River

Point of Contact: Brian Long

Ranger District: Wild Rivers RD

County: Josephine and Curry

State: OR

Forest: Rouge River-Siskiyou

Region: 6

CE category established by USDA at 7 CFR 1b.3 or listed by the agency at 36 CFR 220.6(d) or (e): 36 CFR 200.6(e) (15) *Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are not changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization.*

Proposed Action: Issuance of up to 3 commercial recreation special use permits for outfit and guiding activities, rafting, kayaking, and support, not to exceed 500 user days per year. Note: 1 user day = 1 person, so not to exceed 500 user days = not to exceed 500 total people through the year as clients. Each outfitter would be permitted one commercial trip per week during the operating season from March 1 to June 30 (18 trips total per outfitter) and each trip is limited to 12 persons including guides.

Scoping¹ (Scoping is required on all proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded (FSH 1909.15.30.3 §3). Describe scoping efforts in the space below. Otherwise enter “N/A.”)

Scoped in Medford Tribune 9/26-10/24. Listed on SOPA 9/21/2016

¹ If the responsible official determines, based on scoping, that it is uncertain whether the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment, prepare an EA. If the responsible official determines, based on scoping, that the proposed action may have a significant environmental effect, prepare an EIS (FSH 1909.15.30.3 §3).